(54) Title: USER-CONFIGURABLE CALL ANSWERING/REDIRECTION MECHANISM
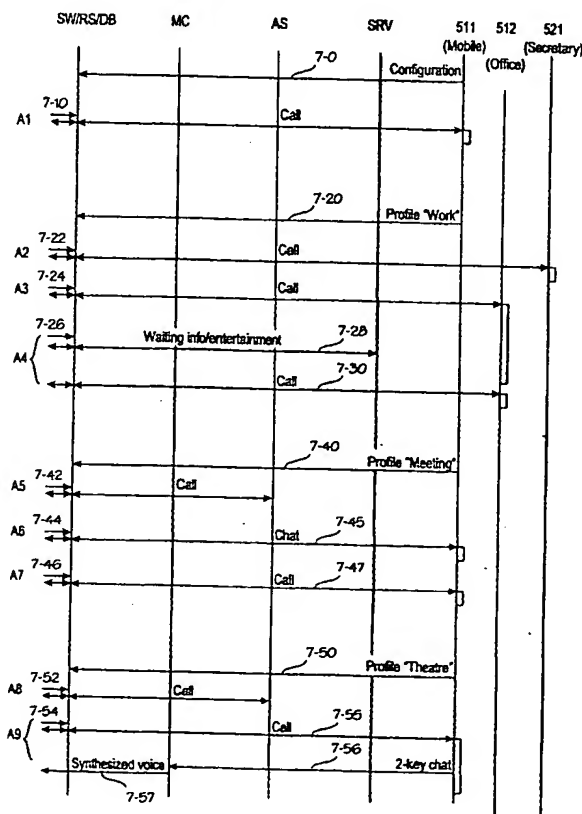
(57) Abstract: Very flexible call management is achieved
by a method for handling a call setup request (7-10, 7-22, ...)
from an A party (A1 ...A9) to a B party (511). A reachabil-
ity server (RS) receives (7-0) the B party's multiple simulta-
neous caller groups, profiles, redirection settings and associ-
ations thereof. Each time the B party's reachability changes,
he indicates his current profile (7-20, 7-40, 7-50). Based
on the call setup request, the server (RS) determines the A
party's identity. Based on the A identity, one of the multi-
ple simultaneous caller groups is determined. Then one of
the multiple associations that corresponds to the determined
caller group and the current B party is determined. Finally,
the call setup request is processed according to the redirec-
tion setting of the determined association. The redirection
settings may indicate a changed call mode, such as chatting,
in case the B party is unable to take a voice call.